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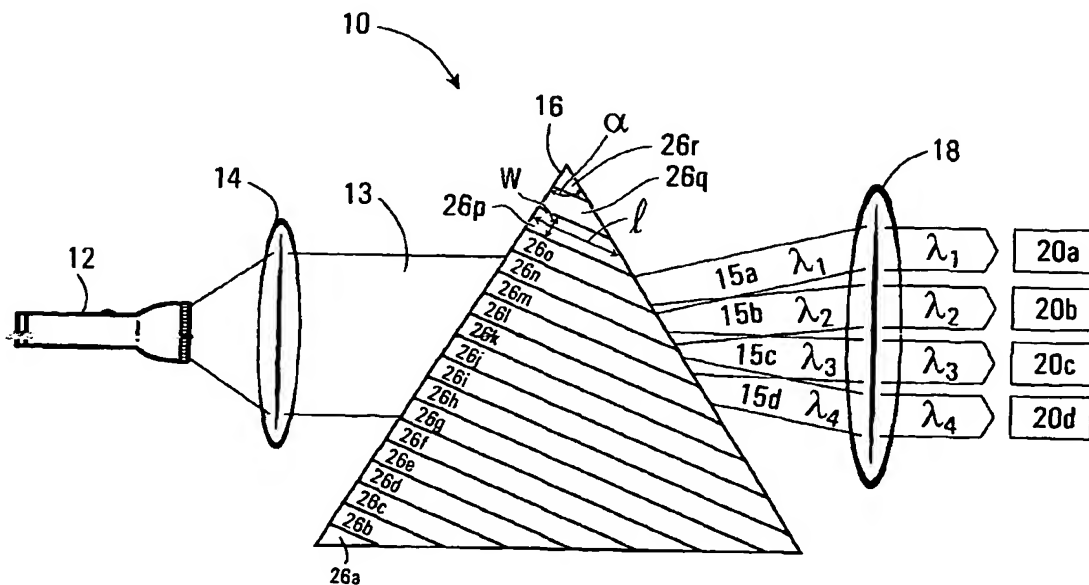
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(54) Title: **WAVELENGTH MULTIPLEXER/DEMULTIPLEXER COMPRISING AN OPTICALLY DISPERSIVE STRATIFIED BODY**



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a wavelength multiplexer/demultiplexer comprising a plurality of regions of optically permissive material. The plurality of regions are disposed adjacent one another in a side by side relationship in order to define a stratified body. The materials in adjacent regions have differing indexes of refraction. The stratified body has a first surface and a second surface that are positioned in a non-parallel relationship with respect to one another. The first surface is a light-receiving surface, and the second surface is a light-exiting surface.



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